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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative of Markey of Dartmouth.

A statement of Mr. Markey of Dartmouth was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I will be unable to attend the formal session of the House of Representatives today. I will be undergoing a personal medical procedure that will prevent me from being present in the chamber. I apologize for my absence and appreciate the General Court's understanding. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Markey of
Dartmouth.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Fluker Oakley of Boston) raising awareness of missing persons; and

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pignatelli of Lenox) congratulating the Dalton Community Recreation Association on its one hundredth anniversary;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Missing
persons.

Dalton
recreation.

Petitions.

The following petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) were transmitted to the State Secretary under Chapter 3 of the General Laws:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to creating a municipal and public safety building authority.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish the Martha's Vineyard housing bank funded by a fee upon the transfer of any real property in member towns.

local, safety
building
authority.

Martha's
Vineyard,—
housing bank.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others for legislation to establish a body politic and corporate to be known as the Massachusetts clean energy technology center.

Martha's
Vineyard,—
green bank.

By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Sally P. Kerans, Joan B. Lovely and Jennifer Balinsky Armini for legislation to further regulate the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company board of directors.

Municipal
electric
company,—
board.

By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to modernizing the governance of port authority parks in the East Boston section of the city of Boston.

Port
authority
parks.

By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish a public safety building authority and assistance program.

local, safety
building
authority.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Margaret R. Scarsdale for legislation to establish a municipal building assistance program and building authority.

Id.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 58, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 24. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3548; and the further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1284) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the establishment of a betterment loan program for the funding of electrification initiatives in the town of Brookline;

Brookline,—
loan program.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1285) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Brookline to amend its community choice aggregation plan; and

Brookline,—
aggregation
plan.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2374) of Lydia Edwards (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the promulgation of zoning rules and regulations in the city of Boston;

Boston,—
zoning.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kristin E. Kassner and Samantha Montaña relative to insurance coverage of hearing aids. To the committee on Financial Services.

Hearing aids.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kristin E. Kassner relative to local option for associate members of planning boards. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Planning boards,— membership.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess, By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3546), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3547) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$350,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipal roads and bridges.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisset; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 12.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 12](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 3547) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 1729).

Christopher Trigilio,— sick leave.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wilfrid Decossa (House, No. 2520) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Wilfrid Decossa.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the position of police chief in the town of Leicester (House, No. 2579) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,— Kenneth Antanavica.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating the appointment of special police officers in the city of Watertown (House, No. 2622) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,— special police.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-one minutes before two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 58, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Supplemental appropriations.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 71 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House), was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a "loan" bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted (state loan),—
yea and nay
No. 13.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 13 in Supplement.](#)]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-one minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.